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Education

Ph.D., Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, University of Colorado, 2007
B.S., Physics (Honors), Cum Laude, University of Tulsa, 2001

Professional Experience

NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, Chemical Sciences Division:
2014-present CIRES Research Scientist II
NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, Chemical Sciences Division:
2011-2014 CIRES Research Scientist I
NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, Chemical Sciences Division:
2008-2011 CIRES Postdoctoral Research Associate, Karen H. Rosenlof (advisor)
Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, University of Colorado:
2008 Research Associate
Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, University of Colorado:
2002-2007 Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Linnea Avallone group
Space and Atmospheric Sciences Group, Los Alamos National Laboratory:
2001-2002 Research Assistant, Dr. David Suszynsky (advisor)

Service, Teaching, and Leadership

Member: SAGE III-ISS Science Team
Co-Lead: NOAA Chemical Sciences Division seminar coordinator, 2017 –
Lead: International Space Sciences Institute “Tropical Width Diagnostics Intercomparison Project” team, 2016 –
Lead: U.S. CLIVAR Working Group on Changing Width of the Tropical Belt, Metrics Subgroup, 2016 –
Lead: CIRES “Stratospheric Radiative and Chemical Processes That Affect Climate” project, 2012 –
Co-Lead: S-RIP Water Vapor and Ozone Chapter, 2012 –
Working Group Member: SPARC Reanalysis Intercomparison Project (S-RIP), 2012 –
Lead Author: Stratospheric Water Vapor Section, NOAA State of the Climate Report, 2015 –
Member: AMS Middle Atmosphere Committee 2015 –
Member: AMS Bernhard Haurwitz Lecture Selection Committee, 2015, 2016
Mentor: STEM Teacher And Researcher (STAR) Program, 2015
Lead Convener: AGU Chapman Conference on “The Width of the Tropics: Climate Variations and their Impacts”, 2015
Contributor: NOAA State of the Climate Report, 2014
Contributing Author: 5th Assessment Report, Working Group I, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
Journal Reviewer: J. Geophys Res., Geophys. Res. Lett., J. Climate, Atmos. Chem. Phys., Nature
Lead Instructor: Metropolitan State College of Denver, MTR 3440, Physical Meteorology – Atmospheric Radiation and Cloud Physics, Spring 2008
Seminar Coordinator: CU Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, 2008
Advisor/Instructor: Earthworks Earth System Science Workshop for Secondary Teachers, 2004-2006
Lead Coordinator: CU Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Journal Club, 2003-2006
Teaching Assistant: University of Colorado,

- ATOC 1060, Our Changing Environment, Spring 2006
- ATOC 1050, Introduction to Weather and the Atmosphere, Fall 2002
- ATOC 1070, Introduction to Weather and the Atmosphere Laboratory, Fall 2002

Honors, Awards, and Grants

Science PI: NASA ACMAP grant, "Validation of SAGE III water vapor and ozone products to facilitate their inclusion in a long-term climate data record", \$464k, 2018.

TEDx Boulder speaker: Talk on "Lessons from the World Avoided"

CO-PI (T. Deshler, PI): NSF grant, "Investigating water vapor, clouds, and aerosol in the tropical tropopause layer with in situ and profiling measurements from long duration Strato-2 balloons", \$1.3M, 2016.

CO-I (K. Rosenlof, PI): NOAA High Performance Computing grant, "Climate Forecast System Reanalysis model-level products for reanalysis validation and intercomparison", 2016.

Collaborator (H. Selkirk, PI): NASA grant, "TICOSONDE: Balloon sonde observations of tropical water vapor and ozone at Costa Rica in support of continued capability for calibration and validation of satellite measurements", \$1.0M, 2016.

Collaborator (L. Kalnajs, PI): NSF grant, "Investigating Thermal Structure, Dynamics, and Dehydration in the Tropical Tropopause Layer with Fiber Optic Temperature Profiling from Strato-2 Balloons", \$1.0M, 2016.

Lead: for International Space Sciences Institute "Tropical Width Diagnostics Intercomparison Project" team, 2016

Lead: AGU Chapman Conference proposal for tropical width meeting, 2015.

PI: Cires Innovative Research Grant, "Blowing in the wind: Fiber optic temperature profiler measurements from high altitude balloons", funded 2014

CO-I/Science PI: NASA ACMAP grant, "Stratospheric ozone and water vapor and the relation to tropical belt extent: a data analysis and modeling study", funded 2013

2 NASA Group Achievement Awards

NRL Alan Berman Research Publication Award for *Bucholtz et al.*, 2010 paper, 2010

Travel Award to attend Water Vapor and the Climate System (WAVACS) summer school, 2009

Outstanding Student Presentation, AMS 14th Conference on the Middle Atmosphere, 2007

NASA Earth System Science Graduate Fellowship, 2006

Travel Award to attend COST-ACTION UTLS summer school, 2005

AMS Global Change Scholarship, 2003

University of Colorado Program in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Fellowship, 2002

Publications (<http://www.researcherid.com/rid/C-9570-2011> h-index=22)

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Seviour, W. J. M., Davis, S. M., Grise, K. M., and D.W. Waugh, Large uncertainty in the relative rates of dynamical and hydrological tropical expansion. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 45. <https://doi.org/10.1002/2017GL076335>, 2018.

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Selected Presentations

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- Davis, S.M., The water vapor content of the stratosphere: past, present, and future, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (invitee) (DEPPDoy) (VTPR)

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Field Work

ZODIAC (2 Season Ozone Depletion, Ice, Aerosol Campaign), McMurdo Station, Antarctica, October – November 2014:

- Operated aerosol and meteorological instrumentation at a remote field site and provided meteorological support

START08 (Stratosphere-Troposphere Analyses of Regional Transport), Boulder, CO, April-June 2008:

- Operated the closed-path laser hygrometer (CLH) total water instrument aboard the NCAR Gulfstream-V aircraft

AquaVIT (Aqua Validation and Instrument Tests), Karlsruhe, Germany, October 2007:

- Operated the CLH instrument in a water vapor intercomparison experiment at the AIDA aerosol chamber

TC⁴ (Tropical Composition Cloud and Climate Coupling), San Jose, Costa Rica, July-August 2007:

- Operated the CLH instrument aboard the NASA WB-57 aircraft

PUMA (Plume Ultrafast Measurements and Acquisition), Cape Canaveral, Florida, December 2006:

- Operated instruments for trace gas measurements in the space shuttle exhaust from aboard the NASA WB-57

Winfly, McMurdo Station, Antarctica, August - November 2004:

- Developed instrumentation, planned, and acquired measurements of atmospheric chemistry and snowpack properties from a remote field site

- Participated in numerous ozonesonde and larger-payload balloon launches, tracking, and recovery

MidCiX (Midlatitude Cirrus Experiment), Houston, Texas, April-May 2004:

- Operated the CLH instrument as part of a suite of cloud instruments flown aboard the NASA WB-57 aircraft